Hazardous Industries in Gujarat

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Will the Minister of ENVIROMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken by the Central and State governments to prevent hazards of chemical units in Gujarat;

(b) what are the major hazardous units in Gujarat and what steps are taken to prevent hazardous with details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that saree and dress material printing industries at Rajkot and Jetpur are discharging Chemicalised waters and cause health hazards;

(d) what steps have been taken to prevent ill-effects of the textile printing industry at Rajkot and Jetpur;

(e) whether the textile printing industry at Rajkot has asked for location at some other place to prevent Chemicalisation of drinking water at Rajkot; and

(f) if so, what is the response of concerned authorities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) As per information furnished by the Factories Inspectorate, Gujarat, there are 300 major hazardous units like Oil Refinery, Petrochemical plants, Pesticides and Dyes and Dye intermediates in Gujarat. Setting up and operations of such industries are regulated under various provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act and other laws in force. Care is exercised while locating these industries and storage norms for hazardous chemicals are enforced. In additon, model off-site plans in selected industrial districts have been prepared.

(c) and (d) Gujarat Pollution Control Board has indicated that there is no information about any health hazards due to discharge of effluents from the dyeing and printing units. Effluent from these units at Jetpur is collected and conveyed to Central Effluent Treatment Plant. Even though currently it is not operational, on resumption it is expected to take care of water pollution problem. In Rajkot, the effluent is discharged into Municipal sewer for eventual treatment in the Municipal sewage treatment plant.

(e) and (f) The Gujarat Industrial Development Corporation (GIDC) sought the opinion of Gujarat Pollution Control Board regarding allocation of lands for development of an industrial estate for Saree printing units of Rajkot in May, 1988. As the site was located along the bank of river Aji, it was not found suitable from environmental angle and accordingly the decision was communicated to GIDC in July, 1988.

भारत के राजदूत का निवास

2731. **चौधरी हरि सिंह:** क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार जिनेवा में भारत के राजदूत के निवास को लेकर असमंजस की स्थिति मे है जैसा कि 21 जनवरी, 1993 के "इंडियन एक्सप्रेस" में प्रकाशित हुआ है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी तथ्य क्या है; और

(ग) इस संबंध में सरकार द्वारा क्या कदम उठाए गए हैं/उठाए जाने का विचार है?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आर०एल० भाटिया): (क) से (ग) सरकार ने अगस्त, 1989 में जेनेवा में छह, रियो द प्रेग्री स्थित संपत्ति 63 लाख स्विस फ्रेंक की लागत पर खरीदी थी, जिसका मूल्य भारतीय रुपयों में 6 करोड़ 19 लाख रुपए बैठता है, यह संपत्ति जेनेवा में भारत के स्थायी मिशन को किराए के परिसर से हटा कर इस इमारत में लाना था, इस संपत्ति को खरीदते समय सरकार ने संयुक्त राष्ट्र, अंतर्राष्ट्रीय श्रम संगठन, विश्व स्वास्थ्य संगठन, आई डी यू, "विपो", रेडक्रास, अमरीकी राजनयिक मिशन, तत्कालीन सोवियत संघ और कुवैत के मिशन के प्रतिनिधि कार्यालयों को देखते हुए